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SUBJECT: GULF OIL NEGOTIATIONS FOR SAKHALIN OFF-SHORE
EXPLORATION CONTRACT

REF: MOSCOW 3016

1. GULF OIL TECHNICAL CONSULTANT P. L. GOSSERT,
IN MOSCOW BRIEFLY FOR FURTHER TALKS ON SAKHALIN
OFFSHORE EXPLORATION, GAVE EMBOFF BRIEF RUNDOWN ON
APRIL 24 REGARDING CURRENT STATUS GULF'S NEGOTIATIONS
WITH SOVIETS.

2. ACCORDING TO GOSSERT, IT IS STILL EXPECTED THAT
OFFSHORE DRILLING WILL BEGIN IN SUMMER OF 1976. NOW
BEING DISCUSSED IS AMOUNT OF ADDITIONAL GEOPHYSICAL
EXPLORATION WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT
OF DRILLING AND HOW MUCH WILL BE DONE BY SOVIETS, BY
JAPANESE AND BY GULF OIL. PARTLY BECAUSE OF LACK
OF AGREEMENT ON THIS SUBJECT, AND ALSO BECAUSE
CERTAIN DETAILS ON HANDLING OF JAPANESE RISK
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CAPITAL STILL NEED TO BE WORKED OUT, FINAL

SIGNATURE OF GULF SERVICES CONTRACT HAS NOT YET TAKEN
PLACE. GOSSERT EXPECTS MOST DECISIONS TO BE MADE
BY END OF MAY OR EARLY JUNE. ALTHOUGH VERY
RELUCTANT TO SAY THAT GULF HAS DRILLING CONTRACT
WRAPPED UP, HE ADMITTED THAT POSSIBILITIES LOOK GOOD.

3. GOSSERT ALSO SAID THAT SOVIETS HAVE APPROACHED
GULF ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF EXPLORATION AND DRILLING
IN BARENTS SEA, DESPITE FACT THAT BRITISH AND FRENCH
FIRMS HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATING FOR POSSIBLE WORK IN THIS
REGION. SOVIETS HAVE ASKED HIM TO MEET WITH
THEM AT SOVIET TRADE MISSION IN WASHINGTON ON
POSSIBLE BARENTS SEA CONTRACTS WHEN HE RETURNS TO
U.S. IN A FEW DAYS.
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